

POOL CANDIDATES
for Judicial Vacancies

Pool candidates are individuals who were nominated by a Maryland Judicial Nominating Commission but who were not appointed to a judgeship by the Governor. These individuals remain in a “pool” for automatic consideration by the Governor for future vacancies on that court level and jurisdiction. **NOTE: If a judge’s retirement/separation date occurs prior to a pool candidate’s expiration date, the pool candidate remains eligible for appointment to that vacancy regardless of when the vacancy is officially advertised.**

Pool candidates remain in the pool for two (2) years. *As of May 6, 2019, a pool candidate is eligible for any vacancy which occurs within two years of the date of the appointment for which they were originally nominated.*

Below is a listing of pool candidates by court level and jurisdiction. Questions regarding this listing should be directed to:

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Appellate Court

First Appellate Judicial Circuit (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico and Worcester Counties)

Honorable Brenda Alverta Sexton (*eligibility expires February 8, 2026*)

Magistrate Mark Andrew Tyler (*eligibility expires February 8, 2026*)

Anne Arundel County

Circuit Court

Jennifer Michelle Alexander (*eligibility expires October 4, 2024*)

Richard John Berwanger, Jr. (*eligibility expires November 17, 2025*)

District Court

Shawn Thomas Gaither (*eligibility expires November 17, 2025*)

Colin Matthew Kelly (*eligibility expires November 17, 2025*)

Kelly Michele Poma (*eligibility expires November 17, 2025*)

Baltimore City

Circuit Court

Magistrate Kimberly Charon McBride (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)
Piper Faith McKeithen (*eligibility expires December 15, 2025*)
Honorable Flynn Marcus Owens (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)
Henry Mark Stichel (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)

District Court

Piper Faith McKeithen (*eligibility expires November 15, 2024*)

Baltimore County

Circuit Court

Evelyn Lombardo Cusson (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)
Michael Joseph Dunty (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)
Honorable Michael Thurston Pate (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)
Jennifer Warfield Ritter (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)
Ralph Laurence Sapia (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)
Creston Phillip Smith (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)
Thomas Richard Tompsett (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)

District Court

Magistrate Dilip Barrid Paliath (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)
Hossein Reza Parvizian (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)
John Christopher Schropp (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)
Ian Drew Wright (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)

Caroline County

District Court

Walter Butler Palmer (*eligibility expires October 4, 2024*)

Cecil County

Circuit Court

Edwin Benjamin Fockler IV (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)
Charles Evan Rollins (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)

Charles County

District Court

Magistrate Douglas Craig Cooley (*eligibility expires October 4, 2024*)
Sue Ann Greer (*eligibility expires October 4, 2024*)

Frederick County

Circuit Court

Brett Joann Engler (*eligibility expires January 12, 2026*)
Christine Marie Remsburg (*eligibility expires January 12, 2026*)

Garrett County

Circuit Court

Robert Louis Allen, Jr. (*eligibility expires October 20, 2024*)
Lisa Thayer Welch (*eligibility expires October 20, 2024*)

Harford County

Circuit Court

Tracey Johns Delp (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Angela Chong Diehl (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)

District Court

Jessica Russo Bancroft (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Angela Chong Diehl (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Harrison Earl Greene, III (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Lawrence Francis Kreis, Jr. (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Donald Foster Walter, Jr. (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)

Howard County

Circuit Court

Jason Andrew Steinhardt (*eligibility expires December 28, 2025*)

District Court

Claude de Vastey Jones (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Ryan Joseph Dymek (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Mark Joseph Muffoletto (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)
Frank Edward Turney (*eligibility expires December 12, 2024*)

Montgomery County

Circuit Court

Catherine Huger McQueen (*eligibility expires September 8, 2025*)

~~Andrew James Spence (*eligibility expires October 20, 2024*) withdrew~~

Prince George's County

Circuit Court

William Carl Isler, II (*eligibility expires November 21, 2025*)

Magistrate Charles Todd Merryman Steuart (*eligibility expires September 1, 2024*)

District Court

Bruce Dermion Edwards (*eligibility expires January 6, 2025*)

Laura Joy Novello Fuggitti (*eligibility expires January 6, 2025*)

William Carl Isler, II (*eligibility expires January 6, 2025*)

Kimberly Vicena Lewis (*eligibility expires January 6, 2025*)

Rhonda Alexis Wood (*eligibility expires _____*)

St. Mary's County

Circuit Court

Sue Ann Lewis Armitage (*eligibility expires May 11, 2024*)

Buffy Nicole Giddens (*eligibility expires May 11, 2024*)

Washington County

Circuit Court

Amy Katherine Gibson (*eligibility expires January 29, 2026*)

Travis William Poole (*eligibility expires January 29, 2026*)

Loren Rebecca Villa (*eligibility expires January 29, 2026*)

Worcester County

District Court

Michael William Farlow (*eligibility expires October 20, 2024*)

David Charles Gaskill (*eligibility expires October 20, 2024*)

Regan James Reno Smith (*eligibility expires October 20, 2024*)